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*Engineering Colleges*

\* 64 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a new integrated five years' course in Engineering Colleges in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The All-India Council for Technical Education has recommended that the first degree course in Engineering and Technology should be reorganised into a five-year integrated course with admissions open to—

(i) those who have successfully completed the Higher Secondary Course with Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics in the Science Stream; and

(ii) those who have successfully completed the Higher Secondary Course in the Technical Stream.

The details of the scheme have not yet been finalised.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: இதற்கு உத்தேசச் செலவு எவ்வளவு ஆகும்?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: இதற்கு உத்தேசச் செலவு எவ்வளவு ஆகும் என்ற தகவல் என்னிடம் இப்பொழுது இல்லை. ஆனால் 4 வருஷத்தை 5 வருஷமாக மாற்றினால் இப்பொழுது செலவாவதைவிட 4-ல் ஒரு பங்கு அதிகமாகச் செலவாகும் என்றுதான் சொல்லமுடியும்.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know whether the Government have accepted the recommendations of this Committee and if so, whether they are going to implement them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I have already stated that the details of the scheme have not yet been finalised. When they are finalised, we have to take up the scheme for implementation.

*Education Grants Committee*

\* 70 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Education Grants Committee appointed by the Government has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are its recommendations?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) & (b) The Education Grants Committee has not yet concluded its work and submitted its final report to Government. It has submitted a first list of

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recommendations and those deal with Secondary Education. This has been printed and published for eliciting public opinion, as suggested by the Committee. It has also been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. The Committee will meet again in due course for completing its work.

**SRI K. VINAYAKAM :** Is it one of the objects of this Committee to consider the question of educational grants and teaching aid given to the primary schools in this State? If so, what are the recommendations of the Committee?

**THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :** That question will also be considered. That has not yet been taken up. It will be taken up later.

**SRI K. VINAYAKAM :** Did the Government give any suggestion or instructions to the Committee about the feasibility of paying the grants to the teachers instead of through the managements as it obtains in our State now in the case of secondary schools?

**THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :** No, Sir. We have not given any direction to the Committee. As a matter of fact, the Committee has been given a free hand to make its own recommendations.

**SRI V. SANKARAN :** அந்த ரெகமெண்டேஷனில் டீச்சிங் ஸ்டாப்களுக்குள்ள சலுகைகள், வசதிகள் கவனிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. “நான்-டீச்சிங் ஸ்டாப்” பற்றி ஏன் ஒன்றும் சொல்லப்படவில்லை?

**THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :** இதில் எந்தெந்த இனங்களுக்கு “க்ரான்ட்” கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்பது பற்றி ஆலோசனை செய்து கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அதைப்பற்றி அங்கத்தினர் அவர்களுக்கும் ஏதாவது ஆலோசனை சொல்லவேண்டியிருந்தால் அவர்கள் எழுதி அனுப்பலாம்.

#### Pensioners

\* 75 Q.—**SRI D. S. AUTHIMOOLAM** (on behalf of Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of pensioners (Gazetted and Non-Gazetted) in the State; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to amend the pension rules so as to raise their pensions?

**THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :** (a) The total number of pensioners in the State as on 1st April 1958 is 23,688.

(b) No proposal to amend the pension rules so as to raise the existing rates of pensions is under the consideration of the Government.